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PENNSYLVANIA EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

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PENNSYLVANIA'S JULY RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT LOWEST JULY SINCE 1974

Current Population Survey (CPS) seasonally adjusted labor force data recently released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, reveal a slight rise in joblessness among Commonwealth residents coupled with a moderate decline in the number of Pennsylvania residents working. During the report week in mid-July, 321,000 residents were reported unemployed reflecting little change from the 320,000 figure of one month ago. One year ago jobless Pennsylvanians numbered 374,000. In line with the static unemployment count, the adjusted jobless rate was unchanged in July at 5.7 percent, 1.0 percentage point below the comparable rate in 1986 and the lowest July rate since 1974 when 4.9 percent of the Commonwealth's labor force were out of work and seeking employment.

Unemployment statistics, not adjusted for seasonality, performed as expected revealing a typical July downturn of 19,000 to 335,000. The drop brought the jobless rate (not seasonally adjusted) down by 0.4 percentage point to 5.8 percent. Compared with July 1986, unemployment has receded 54,000. The unadjusted rate dipped 0.9 percentage point over the year in conjunction with the significant decline in volume as it moved from 6.7 percent to 5.8 percent. July marks the twelfth consecutive month in which Pennsylvania recorded an unemployment rate below that of the nation.

Total employment, after seasonal adjustment, fell slightly to 5,295,000 in July after a record-setting May and a near-record June. The volume of employment for July is the fourth highest level on record. The unadjusted volume of employment, a new all-time high, moved to 5,453,000 in July though the gain was slightly below the increase of a typical July in Pennsylvania. Employment volumes, adjusted and unadjusted, were up 54,000 and 55,000 over their respective July year-ago levels.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT SLIPS IN JULY STILL SECOND HIGHEST LEVEL ON RECORD

Following June's record-shattering performance, total jobs supplied by business establishments throughout the Commonwealth slipped by 17,300 to 4,937,000 in July. The decline was strictly seasonal in nature and significantly less than the jobs' downturn that typically occurs during this period. Despite these recent developments, nonagricultural employment throughout the Commonwealth is second highest on record. Currently, there are 126,900 more jobs within Pennsylvania firms than there were one year ago.

Manufacturing jobs, also down over the month but less than the seasonal norm, totaled 1,036,900 in July, reflecting a loss of 8,400 since June. Durables, at 590,300 in July, were off 2,500, roughly half the normal July cutback. Leading the decliners, transportation equipment was off 2,500. Durable goods were buoyed by slight job gains in nonelectrical machinery, up 400; lumber/wood products, up 200; and furniture/fixtures, stone/clay/glass products, each up 100. Nondurables, at 446,600, were down 5,900 since June, near the seasonal trend. The largest job loss within nondurable goods came in apparel and other textile products, off 4,700 since June.

Nonmanufacturing, the driving force of Pennsylvania's economy, remained strong in July amid a flurry of seasonal dips. Actually, following a highest-ever job count for the month of June, net nonmanufacturing job levels backed off by 9,200 in July, less than one-half the typical July downturn. Despite the net loss, records were still set in contract construction (244,600), wholesale trade (274,100), and finance, insurance and real estate (291,200). The termination of school resulted in the usual layoff of thousands of noncertified public school employes (bus drivers, cafeteria workers, etc.) for the summer. This loss was somewhat pared by the hiring of summer youth in JTPA employment programs.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS & HOURLY EARNINGS DECREASE IN JULY

Preliminary July figures indicate average hourly earnings among Pennsylvania's manufacturing production workers dropped two cents to $9.93 while average weekly hours receded three tenths to 40.8. These developments translated into average weekly earnings of $405.14, an over-the-month reduction of $3.81. Compared with a year earlier, hourly earnings were up twenty cents while weekly earnings rose by $15.94.

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TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
(All Persons in Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA	JULY 1987	JUNE 1987	JULY 1986	NET CHANGE FROM: JUNE 1987	NET CHANGE FROM: JULY 1986
UNADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,787	5,713	5,787	74.0	0.0
Employment	5,453	5,359	5,398	94.0	55.0
Unemployment	335	354	389	-19.0	-54.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	6.2	6.7	-0.4	-0.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,616	5,630	5,615	-14.0	1.0
Employment	5,295	5,310	5,241	-15.0	54.0
Unemployment	321	320	374	1.0	-53.0
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.7	5.7	6.7	0.0	-1.0

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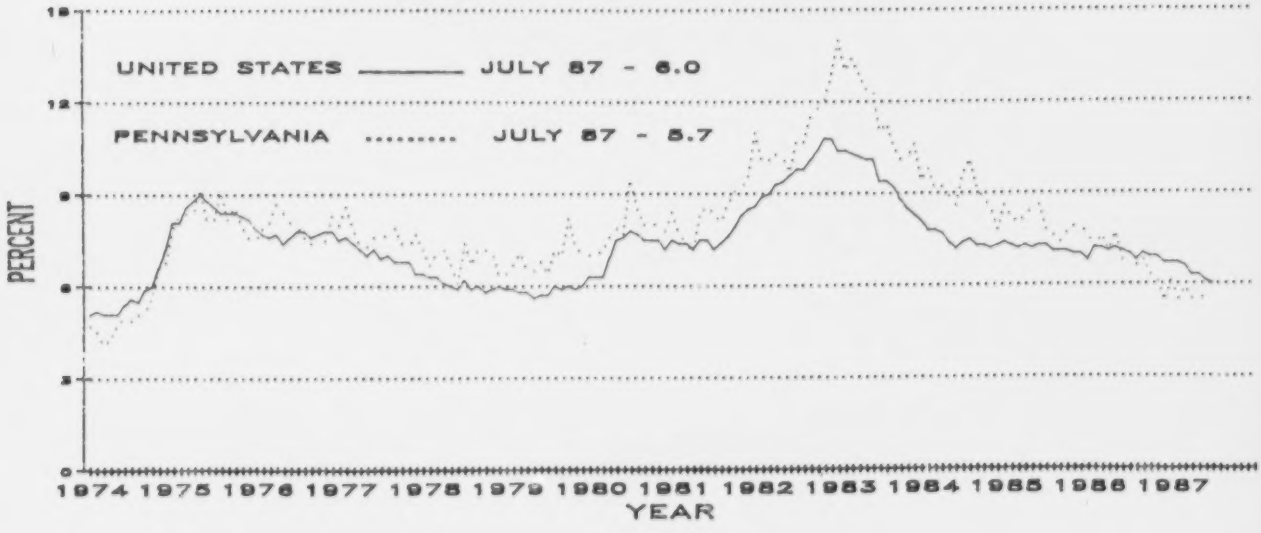
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



FOOTNOTES:

P/ Data are preliminary and subject to revision.
Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor managements disputes.
Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included in industry line detail but are included in nonagricultural wage and salary totals.
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data in this release have been revised to first quarter 1986 benchmarks and are, therefore, not strictly comparable with figures published prior to March 1987.
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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT

MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL

PENNSYLVANIA: JULY 1987, JUNE 1987,and JULY 1986

(Employment in Thousands)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	JULY 1987 P/	JUNE 1987	JULY 1986	(--NET CHANGE--) FROM JUNE 1987	FROM JULY 1986
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	4,937.0	4,954.3	4,810.1	-17.3	126.9
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1,036.9	1,045.3	1,046.0	-8.4	-9.1
DURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	590.3	592.8	597.5	-2.5	-7.2
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	29.8	29.6	28.0	0.2	1.8
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	20.7	20.6	20.8	0.1	-0.1
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	48.7	48.6	47.7	0.1	1.0
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	91.9	91.8	92.9	0.1	-1.0
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	89.2	89.4	91.3	-0.2	-2.1
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	103.9	103.5	106.5	0.4	-2.6
ELECTRIC & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	93.1	93.2	96.8	-0.1	-3.7
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	57.5	60.0	57.4	-2.5	0.1
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	34.7	34.7	35.5	0.0	-0.8
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	20.8	21.4	20.6	-0.6	0.2
NONDURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	446.6	452.5	448.5	-5.9	-1.9
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	90.8	90.1	89.7	0.7	1.1
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	0.7	0.8	1.7	-0.1	-1.0
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	31.2	31.6	30.3	-0.4	0.9
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODS.	83.9	88.6	90.0	-4.7	-6.1
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	41.0	41.6	41.2	-0.6	-0.2
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	81.3	81.7	78.9	-0.4	2.4
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	58.9	58.9	58.6	0.0	0.3
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	11.2	11.1	10.8	0.1	0.4
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	37.8	37.9	36.9	-0.1	0.9
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	9.8	10.2	10.4	-0.4	-0.6
NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3,898.0	3,907.2	3,746.7	-9.2	151.3
MINING	31.2	31.7	34.1	-0.5	-2.9
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	244.6	234.0	224.3	10.6	20.3
TRANSPORTATION	131.8	139.1	133.5	-7.3	-1.7
PUBLIC UTILITIES	106.3	105.7	103.0	0.6	3.3
COMMUNICATIONS	50.5	50.4	48.3	0.1	2.2
ELECTRIC, GAS AND SANITARY	55.8	55.3	54.7	0.5	1.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	274.1	272.1	260.8	2.0	13.3
RETAIL TRADE	869.8	870.5	835.6	-0.7	34.2
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	129.1	128.6	123.1	0.5	6.0
FINANCE,INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	291.2	291.1	282.7	0.1	8.5
BANKING	90.4	90.2	88.1	0.2	2.3
INSURANCE CARRIERS	83.8	83.4	80.6	0.4	3.2
SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS	1,281.7	1,277.9	1,226.3	3.8	55.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	218.8	216.4	201.9	2.4	16.9
HEALTH SERVICES	420.6	418.2	404.7	2.4	15.9
HOSPITALS	229.2	227.8	223.5	1.4	5.7
LEGAL SERVICES	37.8	37.0	34.5	0.8	3.3
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	121.1	129.5	119.5	-8.4	1.6
SOCIAL SERVICES	84.0	83.5	76.7	0.5	7.3
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	59.2	58.7	56.2	0.5	3.0
GOVERNMENT	667.3	685.1	646.4	-17.8	20.9
FEDERAL	141.1	141.1	140.0	0.0	1.1
STATE	139.4	139.4	138.1	0.0	1.3
LOCAL	386.8	404.6	368.3	-17.8	18.5
PERSONS IN LABOR-MGMT. DISPUTES	2.1	1.8	17.4	0.3	-15.3

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND WEEKLY HOURS
MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL
PENNSYLVANIA: JULY 1987, JUNE 1987 AND JULY 1986
(Production Worker Averages)

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JULY 1987 P/	JUNE 1987	JULY 1986	JULY 1987 P/	JUNE 1987	JULY 1986	JULY 1987 P/	JUNE 1987	JULY 1986
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	405.14	408.95	389.20	40.8	41.1	40.0	9.93	9.95	9.73
DURABLE GOODS	441.15	450.27	427.76	41.5	42.2	40.7	10.63	10.67	10.51
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	360.36	363.72	334.08	42.9	43.3	41.5	8.40	8.40	8.05
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	345.32	352.06	330.11	40.2	40.7	38.7	8.59	8.65	8.53
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODS.	438.23	439.63	420.99	42.3	42.6	41.6	10.36	10.32	10.12
PRIMARY METALS	523.34	540.08	511.11	41.8	43.0	40.5	12.52	12.56	12.62
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	426.42	443.04	424.35	41.4	42.6	41.4	10.30	10.40	10.25
NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY	457.50	463.10	436.97	42.4	42.8	40.8	10.79	10.82	10.71
ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC MACH.	395.81	408.41	391.31	39.7	40.8	40.3	9.97	10.01	9.71
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	485.98	491.93	474.42	40.6	41.2	39.8	11.97	11.94	11.92
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PROD.	431.00	419.98	380.83	42.8	41.5	40.6	10.07	10.12	9.38
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	398.96	417.10	374.26	41.3	43.0	39.9	9.66	9.70	9.38
NONDURABLE GOODS	360.80	357.40	342.22	40.0	39.8	39.2	9.02	8.98	8.73
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	399.59	391.20	386.24	40.9	40.0	40.7	9.77	9.78	9.49
TOBACCO PRODUCTS	254.59	243.49	249.89	40.8	39.4	40.5	6.24	6.18	6.17
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	269.97	276.01	271.15	38.9	39.6	39.7	6.94	6.97	6.83
APPAREL AND RELATED PRODUCTS	211.58	212.65	200.45	35.8	35.8	34.5	5.91	5.94	5.81
PAPER PRODUCTS	472.94	470.02	458.75	44.2	44.3	43.9	10.70	10.61	10.45
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	432.68	430.12	410.01	40.1	39.9	39.5	10.79	10.78	10.38
CHEMICAL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	503.71	505.74	463.91	43.2	43.3	41.2	11.66	11.68	11.26
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	577.86	541.22	570.18	44.9	41.6	43.0	12.87	13.01	13.26
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	376.74	380.42	359.57	42.0	42.6	41.0	8.97	8.93	8.77
LEATHER PRODUCTS	231.87	224.23	217.83	39.5	38.2	37.3	5.87	5.87	5.84
SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES:									
ANTHRACITE COAL MINING	368.20	425.15	395.30	32.7	36.4	36.4	11.26	11.68	10.86
BITUMINOUS COAL MINING	627.10	623.20	575.16	40.8	41.0	39.1	15.37	15.20	14.71
COMMUNICATIONS	538.65	517.06	546.94	40.5	39.5	41.0	13.30	13.09	13.34
ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY	634.18	638.50	596.95	43.2	43.2	42.7	14.68	14.78	13.98
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	173.10	179.61	190.04	28.1	29.3	30.9	6.16	6.13	6.15

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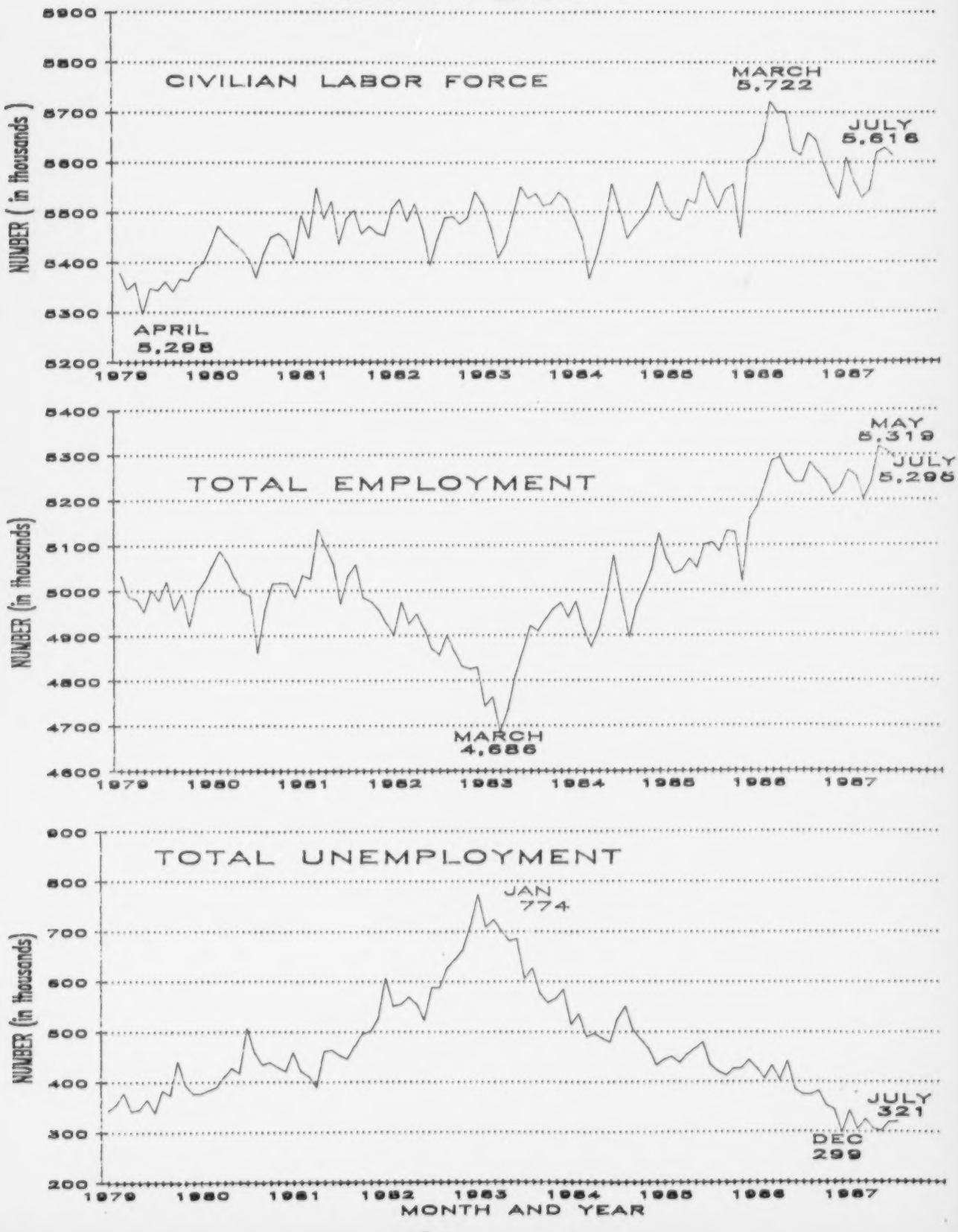

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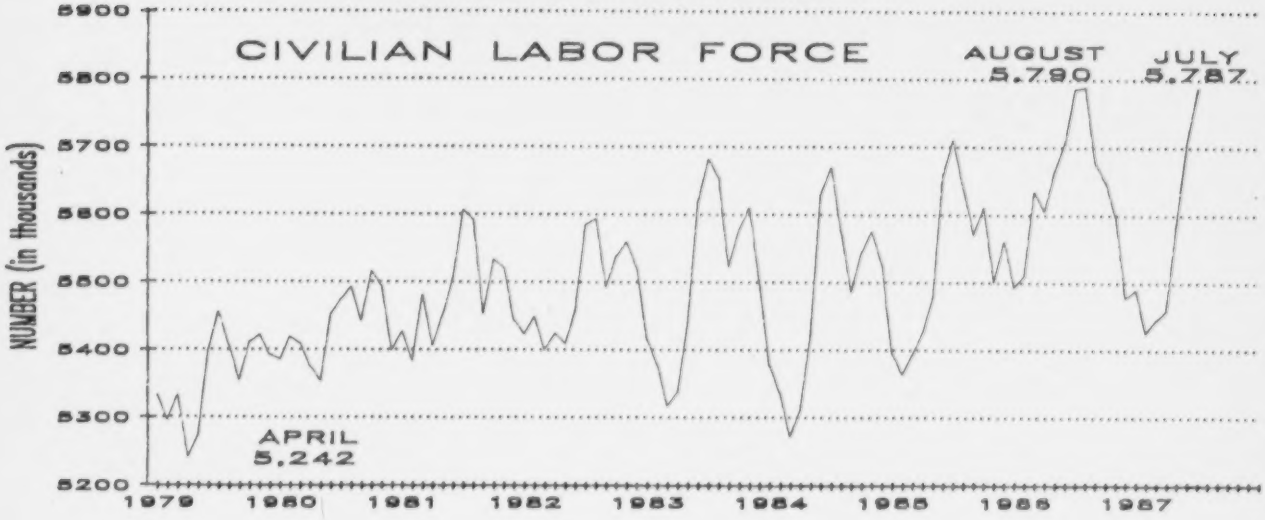

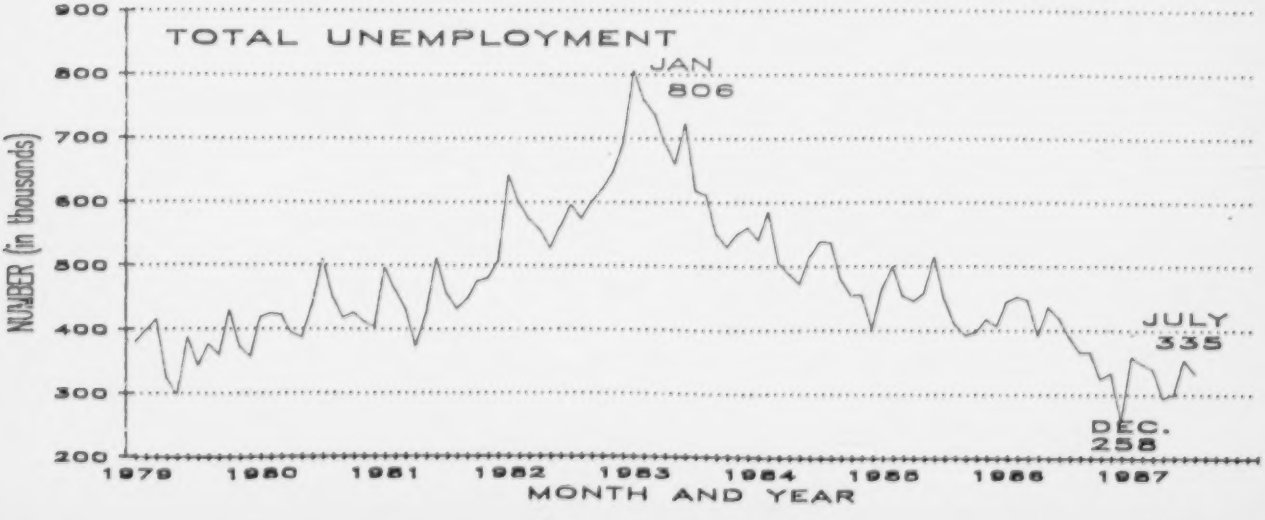

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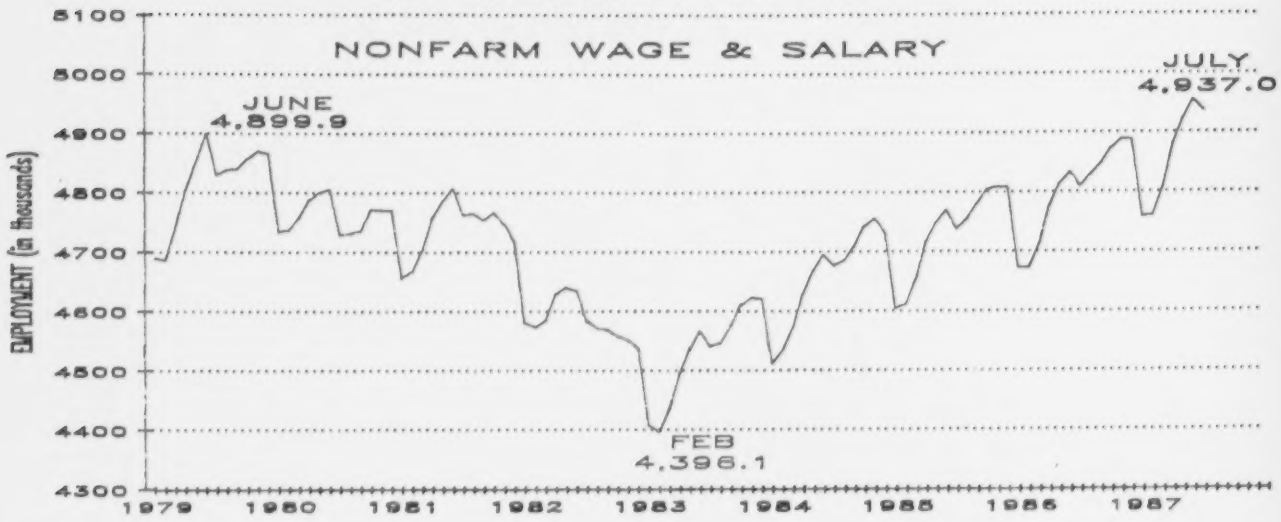

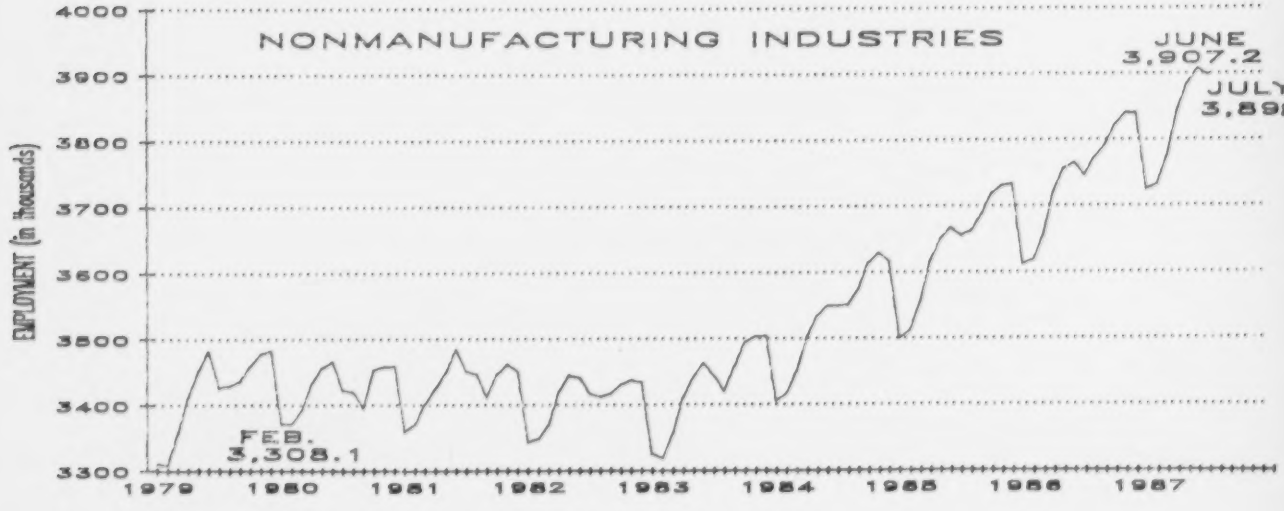

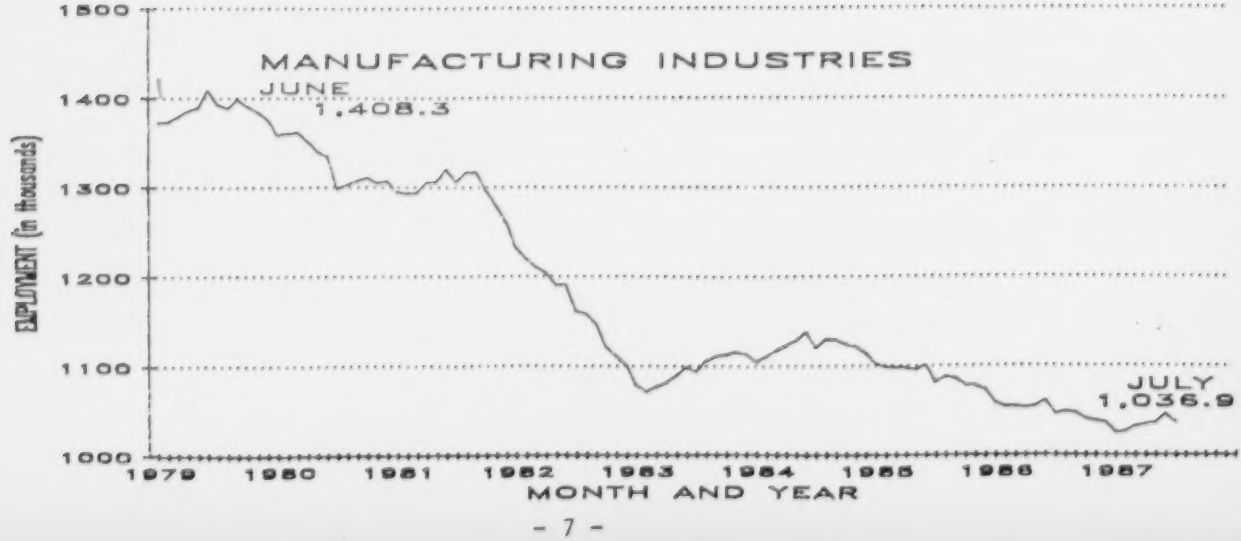

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